

CLAIM AMENDMENTS

In the Claims:

Following is a complete listing of all of the claims in the application, including parenthetical expressions reciting the status of the claim and markings which show current changes:

1. (Currently amended) A method for improving the effectiveness of degradation by an enzyme of the neutral detergent fiber in an animal feed, comprising the step of adding to an animal feed containing an exogenous enzyme a surfactant selected from the group consisting of lyssolecithins.
2. (Previously amended) A method as defined in claim 1, wherein said exogenous enzyme has enzyme activity selected from the group consisting of α -amylase, α -galactosidase, β -glucanase, cellulose, lipase, protease and xylanase activities.
3. (Original) A method as defined in claim 1, wherein said animal feed includes from between about 10 weight percent to about 55 weight percent of a small cereal grain.
4. (Previously amended) A method as defined in claim 3, wherein said small cereal grain is selected from the group consisting of wheat and barley.
5. (Previously amended) A method as defined in claim 4, wherein said enzyme is added to said animal feed in an amount to provide exogenous xylanase activity of between about 100 and about 50,000 units per kilogram of said animal feed.
6. (Previously amended) A method as defined in claim 5, wherein said surfactant is included in an amount that is between about 0.025 and about 0.200 grams/kilogram of the animal feed.
7. (Previously amended) A method as defined in claim 1, wherein said surfactant is included in an amount that comprises between about 0.025 and about 0.200 grams/kilogram of the animal feed.

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8. (Withdrawn) An animal feed supplement comprising:

a source of at least one exogenous enzyme having enzyme activity selected from the group consisting of α -amylase, α -galactosidase, β -glucanase, cellulose, lipase, protease and xylanase activities; and

a surfactant selected from the group consisting of lysolecithins.

9. (Withdrawn) An animal feed supplement as defined in claim 8, wherein said surfactant comprises at least about 25 percent and up to 100 percent lysolecithin.